(b) whether those, who were paid, had also their liability to pay to the Government and if so, why were dues of the Government from them were not first recovered;

(c) who is responsible for such a financial impropriety and what steps have been taken to fix the responsibility;

(d) whether any misutilization of funds vis-a-vis provisions in paragraph 17 of DPCO, 1979 have been reported; and

(e) what are the full fact and why investigation has not been ordered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The names of drug companies and amount paid to each have already been given in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 314 answered on 28th July, 1994, reference of which has also been made by the Hon'ble Member in the present Question. These payments have been made to the companies as per provisions of Para 17(2) of DPCO, 1979 and Para 14(2) of DPCO, 1987.

(b) While releasing payments to the private drug companies, it was ensured that none of them had any DPEA liability.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Import of Deseferal

262. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAZUMDAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1344 given in Rajya Sabha on 4th August, 1944 and state:

(a) what are the names of the companies which are importing and selling the imported formulation Deseferal in India and from source is the same being imp...

(b) what for is this formulation used and what are the substitutes of this drug, if available in the country;

(c) what is the present price per ampoule and what is the cost of treatment per month;

(d) whether imported formulations are subjected to excise duty and if not, how excise duty on this imported formulation has gone up; and

(e) what is the MAPE being charged on this imported formulation and what were its imports during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Deseferal is being imported in India by M|s. Hindustan Ciba-Geigy Ltd. from their principals in Switzerland.

(b) Deseferal is used for the treatmest of Thalasasemia. To the extent information is available, no known substitute is available in the country.

(c) The retail price of 1 vial works out to approximately Rs 122. The cost of treatment would very from patient to patient.

(d) The excise duty which was levied vide Notification No. 8/94-Central Excises dated 1st March, 1994 has been withdrawn vide Central Excise Notification No. 122|94 dated 16th August, 1994.

(e) The Margin on Deseferal as reported by the company is 8.2 per cent. Imports of Deseferal during the last three years have been as follows:—

Year	Qty. imported (Vials)	CIF Value (Rs.)
1991-92	112950	79,76,673/-
1992-93	14950	13,25,3[illegible]7/-
1993-94	110520	95,31,[illegible]84/-

Chemical Fertilizers

263. SMT. CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total output of Chemical fertilizers i.e. introgenous, phosphatic and pottassium in the country during 1993-94 plant-wise;

(b) what is the demand for these fertilizers during 1994-95 State-wise;

(c) what quantity of fertilizer has been imported and what amount of foreign exchange has been spent on this account; and

(d) whether there is any proposal of joint ventures with multinationals to set up phosphatic and potassic fertilizer plants in foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Plant-wise production of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers during 1993-94 is given in Statement I. (*See* below). The entire requirement of potash is imported as there are no known and commercially exploitable reserves of potash in the country.

(b) The estimated demand of fertilizer nutrients in 1994-95 is given in Statement-II.

(c) The quantities of fertilizers imported during 1993-94 and 1994-95 and the foreign exchange spent thereon are given below:—

(Qty. in lakh tonnes)
(Value in Rs. crores)

Year	Urea		MOP	DAP
	Quantity	Foreign Exchange spent	Quantity	Quantity
1993-94	28.40	953.25	14.28	15.67
1994-95 (Apr.-Oct., 1994)	11.84	561.74	11.22	6.94